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JUDGE:

RE: Your Remarks Before the
Central Intelligence Retirees
Association (CIRA)
9 November 1987

You have accepted an invitation to attend a luncheon and make some remarks (about 20 minutes) before the CIRA at the Fort Myer Officers' Club on 9 November (see opposite). Richard Dory, the CIRA President, has suggested that a topic of high interest to the group would be your view of your responsibilities and roles as the DCI. I therefore propose that your remarks cover Congressional oversight of intelligence activities, procedures for covert action, and the integrity and objectivity of intelligence assessments. If you agree, I will prepare a text.

STAT

Bill Baker

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ORGANIZATION MATTERS

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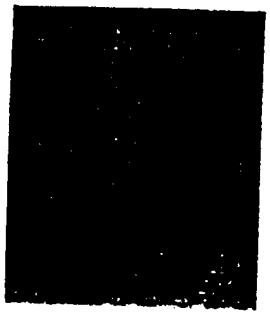


BRIGGS

I was surprised and delighted, given the competition of mountain resorts, beaches, and foreign lands, to find all Board members available on short notice for a meeting on July 6th. We did, at the last minute, lose one member, but all new members, Bob Gaynor, Stan Gaines, and Barbara Pindar Smith, were able to be there. Largely for their benefit, and mine, we reviewed the activities and interests of the Board from the initial CIRA organizational meeting on 20 March 1975 at Fort Myer under Col. White's direction, to the present. I noted that the first CIRA president was one Robert Gaynor.

One consistent theme, in addition to elections, by-laws revisions, membership definition and dues collection needs, was philanthropic or other worthy use of CIRA monies. The correspondence between Dick Dorey and the Educational Aid Fund about CIRA's recent contribution for an EAF scholarship in Charlie Claxon's name is noted elsewhere. We discussed the fact that the old idea of an intelligence museum has again surfaced, apparently dependent on the availability of suitable property. The feasibility of CIRA's supporting such an effort has been pursued; the property acquisition question will apparently be resolved in September or October, after which we will decide on CIRA participation.

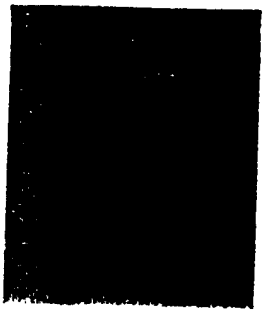
We also talked about the interest that has been generated in past issues of the *Newsletter* by individuals' reminiscences of their World War II, and particularly OSS, experiences. The Board is considering a proposal designed to encourage CIRA members to write personal reflections, appropriately sanitized, of their days in CIA. Such reflections, published in the *Newsletter*, would be too fragmentary for commercial publishers, but could be useful contributions to the growing literature on intelligence. Prizes could be awarded for best efforts, as is done with pieces for *Studies in Intelligence*.

I want to second Dick Dorey's accolade for our esteemed *Newsletter* editor. Hans does a tremendous job and deserves recognition. I also want to note my great pleasure in being paired again with Paul Borel, the new Vice Chairman. I first worked directly for Paul 27 years ago and know him to be a man of good humor, absolute integrity and terrible puns.

I should note that in addition to Paul and Board Member Gene Haas, we also had present CIRA President Dick Dorey, new Vice President Ernie Mayerfeld, Hans and Administrative Officer Jack Pearson. Ernie and I did the FOIA tango in the early days--some day I may tell you how he snookered my into signing the affidavit concerning the "Family Jewels" report to President Ford. . . "Just this once, Chuck."

Hope to see many of you at the next luncheon.

The Prez Sez . . . . . .



DOREY

I am most pleased to report to you that the new Director of Central Intelligence, Judge William H. Webster, has graciously agreed to speak at our November 9, 1987, luncheon at the Fort Myer Officers' Club. We look forward to having Judge Webster visit with us and the luncheon group. As the luncheon regulars know, there are seating limitations at the Club, and we urge those who want to attend to get their reservations in early. You should also note that the November luncheon is a "guest" affair, making up for the February luncheon which was cancelled owing to weather conditions. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the luncheon, which promises to be a stimulating and pleasant affair.

Our *Newsletter* editor, a man of many talents, recently admitted to me that he often edits out words of praise about him in letters from our members. A truly modest man, indeed! I want to let our members know that the officers and board members are most appreciative of Hans's unstinting efforts to put together our *Newsletter* -the glue that helps hold us together. One former colleague, in a personal note to me, scrawled across the bottom of the page, "The CIRA magazine is outstanding." The *Newsletter* is not quite a magazine but we surely agree with the sentiment. Hans is responsible for the *Newsletter* and he puts out a quality product. For that he deserves our sincere thanks. (And, Hans, don't mess with these words.)

One of the unpleasant duties of this office is to remind our members that annual dues ($15.00) should be paid in January. This is our only source of income, and we need the money to keep the *Newsletter* coming and the organization functioning. I am writing these comments in early August and have just learned from our Administrative Officer that as of August 5, 1987, some 630 of our members have not yet paid their dues for 1987. We are now obliged to mail out reminders, and such mailings only serve to increase our operating budget. I urge any and all of you who are still delinquent in this matter to do the right thing. You may also want to check to make sure you sent in $15.00 rather than $10.00.

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